

Fort Sisseton Commission Meeting
September 14, 2015

The Fort Sisseton Commission met September 14, 2015 at Fort Sisseton State Park. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. Commission members present were Sid Schroeder, Bruce Prins, Judy Gulleeson, Mary Dunn, Gary Strand, Dennis Darrington, Karen DeVine, Duane Hemmah, Karie Geyer, Glen Johnson, and Eileen Warzeka. GFP personnel present were Bob Schneider, Wayne Winter, Doug Hofer, Calley Worth, Katie Ceroll, Chris Soukup, and Matt Nelson.

Calley Worth was introduced to the Commission. She is the new information specialist and digital strategist for GFP. Matt Nelson was also introduced to the Commission. He is the new Conservation Tech for Fort Sisseton.

AGENDA ITEMS

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES: MOTION BY JUDY, 2ND BY GLEN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 10, 2015 MEETING AS PRINTED. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

FOUNDATION REPORT: Wayne presented a current financial report. Both the Flag and Janklow accounts are short of funds. Karen DeVine stated that she will take care of the shortage in the Janklow fund.

Wayne brought up the need for future fund raising ideas.

Chris will check into what will be required for the flag interpretation display. Then the commission can decide what funds can be used to offset the cost.

HARVEST FEST EVENT UPDATE Chris gave an update on the 2015 Harvest Festival. There will be more activities this year including more team participation.

HAUNTED FORT EVENT UPDATE Chris informed the commission of changes to the event. This year there will be a 1-4pm event for families with younger children. There will be volunteers in the buildings and the visitors will be able to trick-or-treat for the afternoon. The evening tours will begin at 5.

NORTHERN FORT PLAYHOUSE 10TH SEASON REVIEW Mary informed the commission the 10th anniversary season was a great success. The improved sound, Cabaret, new pub tables and chairs were all a welcome addition. Mary also inquired if it would be possible to put a link to NFP on the Fort GFP website.

CHUCK WAGON COOK-OFF @ FESTIVAL- Future of 2016 Chuck Wagon Event Chris told the commission that ACWS would require our event be sanctioned if we were to continue to use their name. This would result in additional costs to the event. He proposed the following:

In lieu of the standard 5 category food competition, contract 3-4 wagons to educate/interact with public. A simplified "plate" judging will take place as well as a simplified kid's cooking event. Sponsorships will still be accepted.

MOTION BY BRUCE 2ND BY KARIE TO CONTRACT WAGONS FOR THE 2016 CHUCK WAGON COOK OFF AS OUTLINED ABOVE. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PROJECT UPDATES Chris gave the following updates.

Recently Finished Projects: (FY14-15)

Blockhouse project is done. The sealant will need to reapply in 5-7 years.

The archeological survey was conducted and we have been cleared to proceed on the hospital drain tile project.

The electrical upgrade to the smoke alarms in the S barracks is complete. They are now part of the Simplex alarm system.

The Doctor's residence shingle project has been completed.

Current Building Projects: (FY16)

The park residence remodel is complete.

One of the geothermal units that service the Hospital is scheduled for replacement.

The North Barracks insulation will be upgraded.

Future Projects: (FY17) Katie

The park roads are scheduled for resurfacing.

The comfort station interior is scheduled to be updated.

Shut-offs and curb-stops will be replaced.

The S Barracks is scheduled for an end fan replacement.

SUGGESTIONS FOR OPEN COMMISSION SEAT (to be appointed by Governor) Katie asked that anyone having a suggestion for the seat left open by Dean North's resignation, please let her know. Discussion was held. Doug set a deadline of October 31 for submissions. A plaque was given to Sid to present to Dean in appreciation of his years of service.

NOMINATION FOR COMMISSION CHAIR, VICE CHAIR-NOMINATING COMMITTEE Eileen requested nominations from the floor. There being none, she, as spokesperson for the nomination committee, recommended that the chair, vice chair and all standing committees stay as they are.

MOTION BY GARY 2ND BY DENNIS TO KEEP THE CHAIR, VICE CHAIR AND ALL STANDING COMMITTEES AS CURRENT. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

NEXT MEETING DATE was tentatively set for Thursday February 25, 2016 place TBA.

MOTION BY GLEN 2ND BY EILEEN TO ADJOURN. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.